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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN GOVT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MICRONESIANS

1. PNG DEPT FOREIGN RELATIONS HAS REQUESTED THAT THE CRITERIA OUTLINED BELOW FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS WHO WISH TO STUDY AT PNG TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS BE FORWARDED TO HICOM SAIPAN. PNG HAS SENT SAME INFORMATION TO DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TRUST TERRITORY.

2. FOLLOWING MINIMUM SET OF CONDITIONS WHICH APPLICANTS MUST CERTIFY:

A. OFFERS OF SPONSORSHIP FROM INDIVIDUALS OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, ALL APPLICATIONS FROM FOREIGN STUDENTS WILL BE REFERRED TO THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL BE THE ONLY RECOGNIZED SPONSOR.

B. APPLICANT WILL BE INTERVIEWED FOR SUITABILITY, IN HIS/HER COUNTRY OF ORIGIN, PREFERABLY BY MEMBER PNG CONSULAR STAFF (IF ESTABLISHED), OR AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

FAILING THIS, ADEQUATE CHARACTER REFERENCE AND CERTIFICATIONS OF SUITABILITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY INDEPENDENT PERSON OF STANDING IN THE COMMUNITY.

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C. APPLICANT REQUIRED TO SIGN STATEMENT TO BE OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR, TO PURSUE HIS STUDIES DILIGENTLY, NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, AND TO AGREE THAT DECISION BY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO TERMINATE HIS ENROLLMENT IS FINAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO APPEAL.

D. GOVERNMENT SPONSOR ALSO REQUIRED TO SIGN SIMILAR UNDERSTANDING.

E. ALL TUITION FEES, ACCOMMODATION COSTS, TEXTBOOK ALLOWANCE AND OTHER PRESCRIBED EXPENSES (INCLUDING ADEQUATE PROVISION FOR STUDENT'S ACCOMMODATION DURING THE COLLEGE VACATION) TO BE PAID TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE, PRIOR TO ARRIVAL STUDENTS IN PNG.

F. PAYMENT SECOND YEAR EXPENSES WILL BE REMITTED BY SPONSOR BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF SECOND COLLEGE YEAR, OTHERWISE STUDENT WILL BE TERMINATED.

G. SPONSOR WILL UNDERTAKE PROVIDE STUDENT WITH LIVING ALLOWANCE NOT SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN CURRENT SCHOLARSHIP ALLOWANCE PAYABLE TO PNG STUDENTS, AFTER NORMAL DEDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.

H. OPEN RETURN TICKET TO STUDENT'S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR FUNDS FOR SAME, TO BE LODGED WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PRIOR TO STUDENTS' ARRIVAL IN PNG.

I. STUDENTS ENTRY VISA TO BE VALID FOR DURATION HIS TRAINEESHIP ONLY. DIVISION OF FOREIGN RELATIONS WILL UNDERTAKE REPATRIATION PROCEDURES IN EVENT THAT, DESPITE FOREGOING PROVISIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS UNABLE EFFECT DEPARTURE STUDENT WITHIN REASONABLE TIME AFTER GRADUATION OR TERMINATION.

AS AN ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARD, THE STUDENT SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO RETURN IF HIS STUDIES ARE TERMINATED FOR ANY REASON WHATSOEVER.
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